

**TOWN OF RICHMOND**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
Office of Selectmen



**February 19, 2015 Time: 7:00pm**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Selectmen in attendance: Sandra Gillis, Carol Jameson and Kathryn McWhirk.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:01pm by Selectman Gillis.

Gillis explained to the audience that not only with this hearing go over changes to budgets and/or warrant since the last public hearing, but also to meet statutory deadlines for creating a Special Revenue Fund.

Gillis read Article 8 which proposes the SRF. This information was published in the February edition of the Richmond Rooster. Gillis referred to RSA 31:95-c and explained that this fund would be where 100% of the revenue from the sale of transfer station permits would be deposited and this money would then be used to offset the expense of the transfer station payment made to Winchester annually. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. An audience member asked if the money from the sale of decals at the transfer station in Winchester goes to Richmond. Gillis stated yes, they track the sales and send the Town a check.

Gillis discussed Article 4 & 5. Gillis read the articles to the audience and explained how the vote would take place. Both bond articles can be voted on at the same time. Voting will take place for 1 hour with 2 ballot boxes clearly marked. There was discussion on the Fay Martin Road upgrade, Article 4, and who determines what classifies as "upgrade". Gillis explained that this is a court ordered upgrade and it is the Town's responsibility to meet that order. All work must be completed by Jan. 29, 2016. Article 5 was briefly discussed (purchase of 132 Old Homestead Hwy.). Gillis stated that if the house were sold and the land used for timber the Town has the potential to recoup most, if not all, the funds expended.

Article 6 (to increase Selectmen's stipend) was briefly discussed. Selectman Jameson explained the research completed and where the Town compares to other Towns.

Article 7 (make Treasurer's position appointed not elected) was explained. Gillis stated that the current Treasurer is very well qualified but if she does not decide to run again the Town may have a Treasurer not so well qualified. If the position is appointed the Selectmen have control over who holds the position and can make sure qualifications are met.

Jim Carnie spoke to the audience about the MRSD ballot and gave his opinion on certain articles. There are 13 articles on the 2015 ballot.

The Operating Budget was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

